

Extract from an act entitled "An act establishing and regulating the Militia."

Sec. 7. The commanding officers of regiments, battalions and companies in each county, shall, on the first day of May next, meet at their respective court houses, there to divide the counties into districts, for the purpose of forming the regiments, battalions and companies, by this act established, which districts so laid off, shall be designated by certain lines and bounds, to be by them established, and which shall be recorded by the judge advocate, as clerk of each regiment: *Provided always*, That if emigration into any of the company districts, shall render it necessary to form new districts, so as to affix to each district its proper number of effective militia, it shall be the duty of the captain of each company, which shall have increased above the proper number, to notify the commandant of the battalion, to which such company belongs thereof; who shall give the like information to the commandant of his regiment, whole duty it shall be to cause a meeting of the commanding officers of the companies of such battalion, or regiment (as the case may be) from which such new company is to be taken, at the most convenient place in the battalion, or regiment, as soon as may be; and the officers so met, shall proceed to divide such district, in case it contains a sufficient number of effective men, so as to form two companies, or otherwise to take from the several adjoining districts, such parts as they can spare, without reducing the original company or companies, below their proper quota, and thereof form one new company.

Sec. 8. No person shall be eligible to a command in the militia, who is not a citizen of the United States, and has not resided twelve months in this territory.

Sec. 9. Every officer commissioned by virtue of this act, shall, previous to his entering on the duties of his respective office, take the oath of allegiance to the United States, and the following oath or affirmation, to wit:—"I—do solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I will faithfully and justly execute the duties of a— in the militia of the territory, according to the best of my abilities.—So help me God." Which oath or affirmation, shall be endorsed on the back of the commission by the person administering the same.

Sec. 10. All commissioned officers shall take rank according to the date of their commissions, and when two or more of the same grade be of equal date, then their rank to be determined by lot to be drawn by them before the commanding officer of the brigade, regiment, battalion, company or detachment.

Sec. 11. Each battalion and regiment, shall be provided with regimental standards, with the number of the regiment inscribed on the same, by the field officers; and each company with the regimental colours, with the number of the company in such regiment inscribed thereon; a drum and fife, by the commissioned officers of the company, in such manner as shall hereinafter be directed.

Sec. 12. There shall be an adjutant general appointed in the territory, whose duty it shall be to distribute all orders from the commander in chief of the territory, to the several corps; to attend all public reviews, when the commander in chief shall review the militia, or any part thereof; to obey all orders from him, relative to carrying into execution, and perfecting the system of military discipline, established by this act; to furnish blank forms of the different returns that may be required, and to explain the principles on which they should be made; to receive from the officers of the different corps throughout the territory, returns of the militia under their commands, reporting the actual situation of the arms, accoutrements and ammunition, their delinquencies, and every other thing which relates to the general advancement of good order and discipline; all which the several officers of the divisions, brigades, regiments and battalions, are hereby required to make in the usual manner, so that the said adjutant general may be duly furnished therewith; from all which returns he shall make proper abstracts, and lay the same immediately before the commander in chief of the territory: *Provided always*, That the adjutant general of the militia of this territory, shall be, ex officio, inspector general of the same.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the brigade inspector to attend all musters of officers within his brigade, to exercise and examine them; to note delinquencies, and return the same forthwith to the lieutenant colonel of the regiment to which they belong; to attend the regimental and battalion meetings of the militia composing their several brigades, during the time of their being under arms; to inspect their arms, ammunition, clothing and accoutrements; superintend their exercise and manoeuvres, and introduce the system of military discipline pointed out in the twenty-fifth article for the government of the militia, deferred throughout the brigade agreeably to law, and such orders as they shall from time to time, receive from the commander in chief of the territory, or the commander of the brigade, for the time being; to make returns to the adjutant general of the territory twice in every year, the first, on or before the first day of August, and the second, on or before the first day of December, of all the militia of the brigade to which he belongs, reporting therein the actual situation of the arms, accoutrements, clothing and ammunition of the several corps and every other thing which in his judgment may relate to their government, and the general advancement of good order and military discipline.

Sec. 14. And whereas it will be productive of very considerable advantages to the disciplining of the militia to have frequent meetings of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of each regiment, or battalion: *It is therefore hereby enacted*, That the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of each regiment or battalion, at the discretion of the colonel of each regiment, shall meet at some convenient place, as near as may be, in the centre of each battalion or regiment, to be pointed out by the colonel thereof, as often as he may think expedient, not exceeding six days in every year, for the purpose of being trained and instructed by the brigade inspector, for the space of five hours each day.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of each captain after having enrolled his company as directed by this law to appoint four persons to his company as sergeants, giving each his rank of first, second, third and fourth sergeant, and also four persons as corporals, giving to each his rank of first, second, third and fourth corporal, giving his company notice thereof, and shall report the said appointments to the commandant of the regiment who shall thereupon make out his warrants to such non-commissioned officers accordingly, and they are to be obeyed and respected as such; and if any person or persons, on receiving due notice of any such appointment, shall refuse to perform the duties of the office to which he or they are appointed, such person or persons shall be re-

turned to the next court of enquiry, by his or their captain, to be fined as this law directs.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of the commanding officers of each and every company so enrolled, forthwith to divide his company into divisions by ballot, from one to eight, for the purpose of a regular routine of duty, when called into actual service, and shall return a roster of such division, with the rotative number attached to each class within fifteen days, to the commanding officer of his battalion, who shall, forthwith transmit the same to the commandant of the regiment, who shall order the same to be recorded by the judge advocate, as clerk thereof.

Sec. 17. Every militia man removing out of the bounds of one company to another, shall apply to the commanding officer of the company he is removing from, who shall give him a discharge, certifying the class to which he belongs, which certificate the said militia man shall produce to the captain or commanding officer of the company in the district in which he shall next settle, within ten days after his settlement; and the said captain or commanding officer is hereby required to enrol him in the class specified in said certificate; and on failure of any militia man, obtaining a certificate in manner aforesaid, and presenting the same as before directed, the captain or commanding officer of the company to which he shall remove, is hereby required to enrol such delinquent the foremost in the first class for duty, notifying him thereof, and that he must hold himself in readiness to perform any duty by this act required.

Sec. 18. There shall be private musters of each company of cavalry, artillery, grenadiers, light infantry and rifle-men, once in every two months, at such time and place as the commandant thereof shall appoint, except in the months of December, January, February and March, in every year; and every other company formed by virtue of this act, once in every two months, except as before excepted, to be appointed by the commanding officer thereof, at, or as near as may be the centre of the company district; there shall be a muster of each battalion in the month of April, in every year, which shall be appointed by the commanding officers of the respective regiments, who shall fix on the most suitable place, as near as may be to the centre of the battalion district, and shall superintend the exercise, and direct the evolutions that shall be performed; and there shall be a muster of each regiment in the month of October, in every year, which shall be appointed by the brigadier general or commanding officer of the brigade to which such regiment belongs, at, or as near as may be to the centre of the regimental district, and shall be made under the superintendence and direction of the brigadier general or commander of the regiment; which company, battalion and regimental muster, shall continue one day each, and no longer.

Sec. 19. The brigadier general, or commanding officers of brigades shall cause notice in writing of the times and places of the said musters, to be given to the commanding officers of regiments at least twenty-five days; the commanding officers of regiments shall give notice of the regimental and battalion musters, to the commanding officers of the battalions at least twenty days; the commanding officers of battalions shall give notice of the regimental and battalion musters to the commanding officer of companies at least fifteen days; and the captains or commanding officers of companies shall give notice of the regimental, battalion and private musters to the individuals of their respective companies, by themselves or sergeants, at least five days before such regimental, battalion or company muster, (as the case may be) shall be holden; the notices to be given by the commanding officers of the brigades, regiments and battalions, shall be in writing, and delivered to the person or persons, or left at the usual place of his or their abode, by such commanding officers themselves, or such other officer or officers as they may think fit to order; and the commanding officers of companies shall have power to assign to each sergeant of their respective companies, his due proportion thereof, whose duty it shall be to give the notice before directed to that portion of the company to him assigned, which may be done by personal summons or by leaving notices in writing at the usual place of abode of the person to be notified.

Sec. 20. The militia of the territory shall be divided into divisions and brigades, at the discretion of the commander in chief of the militia.

Sec. 21. Every officer and soldier shall appear, at his respective muster field on the day appointed by eleven o'clock; and at every muster, each captain, or commanding officer of a company, shall direct the first sergeant of his company, in his presence to call the roll at half past eleven o'clock precisely, examine every person belonging thereto, and note down the delinquencies occurring therein, and make return thereof, as well as of the strength of the company, number of rifles, muskets, bayonets, fuses &c. on parade, to the commanding officer of his battalion, within ten days after any such regimental, battalion or company muster; and every commanding officer of a battalion, shall, at his regimental or battalion muster, (as the case may be) at the hour on which the battalion is to be formed, in like manner proceed to call the names of the commissioned officers of his battalion, examine and note down all delinquencies, and make return thereof, together with those reported from commanding officers of companies, to the commanding officers of the regiment to which he belongs, within fifteen days next succeeding such battalion or regimental muster, (as the case may be) who shall lay the whole before the court hereafter appointed to take cognizance, and determine on them, and to each of the said returns shall be annexed the following certificate, to wit:—"I—do certify, that the returns hereunto annexed, contain all the delinquencies which have occurred in my company, (or battalion as the case may be) since my last return." And to the battalion returns shall be added—"And that the reports which accompany them, are all which have been made by the commanding officers of companies within my battalion."

Sec. 22. The commanding officers of each regiment, within twenty days next after a muster of his regiment, or of the battalions of the same, shall cause the adjutant of his regiment to make out a complete return of the same, agreeably to such forms as shall be furnished by the adjutant general, noting particularly its strength and number of arms, to the inspector of the brigade.

Sec. 23. The commissioned officers of the first battalion in each regiment, shall meet on the second Tuesday; and the commissioned officers of the second battalion of each regiment shall meet on the second Thursday next after each regimental or battalion muster, as near as may be in the centre of the battalion, to be appointed by the lieutenant colonel, at the battalion or regimental muster; and public notice thereof given to the battalion or battalions, whilst on parade; a ma-

FROM THE RALEIGH STAR.

We feel a pleasure in being able to communicate to the public the following method of curing cancers; which has been practiced by messrs. Weatherly, Starbuck, and others, with great success, part of which has come within the bounds of our knowledge—one of the signers has also cured a number, and has not yet failed in any case.

June Starbuck,
Edward Starbuck,
George Bowman,
Archibald Bowman,
Travis Jones,

Guilford county, Feb. 1811.

Receipt for the cure of Cancers:

Take a large red onion, roast it well, take pocoon root finely powdered, mix this powder of the root with the onion, which must be well beaten, in the proportion of a tea spoon full to one onion; make of this a plaster just large enough to cover the sore—spread over this plaster a little white precipitate, which may be proportioned to the strength of the patient, or the nature of the cancer. Let this be applied after cutting the skin, (if not already broke) if really a cancer, this will produce great pain, yet the patient must not be alarmed, but repeat this every 12 hours, until the body of the cancer assumes a deep purple or black color—two plasters will generally effect this. The next preparation is this—

Take young poke root roasted, one handful, add one spoonful of Jamestown weed powdered, about the same quantity of Boars Tusk Root (this root ought to be kept soaked in water) beat these well together, then moisten this compound with the water from which the root is taken, and apply it night and morning. This is for the purpose of drawing out the cancer; care must be taken not to force it out only as the plaster itself effects it—as such an operation would tend to break the small roots before they are entirely killed. If they are not entirely destroyed, it may be known in 8 or ten days, as inflammation will take place; in such case the first preparation may again be used, and continued to be used once in ten days, until all the roots are destroyed—then the poke root plaster will heal the sore.

N. B. Any careful person may perform the cure of cancers by a strict attention to the above directions.

Mr. Blodget of Washington, estimates the present number of the inhabitants of the U. States & Territories, at six million nine hundred and fifty five thousand, which is three persons to each mile; annual births, three hundred and ninety thousand annual deaths, one hundred and ninety thousand, dwelling houses one million two hundred and seventy five thousand, colleges twenty five, academies seventy four, improved land, forty million nine hundred and fifty thousand acres, horses one million four hundred thousand horned cattle 3,760,000 tons shipping 1,250,000, imports 54,000,000, exports 52,200,000, banks 95, bank capitals 54,000,000, custom house bonds six million nine hundred thousand.—Total valuation of the United States, two thousand five hundred and ten millions.

A lady reproved a gentleman during the late hard frost for swearing, advising him to leave off saying it was a bad habit. "Very true madam (answered he) but at present it is too cold to think of parting with any habit, be it ever so bad."